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The City Advertising.

By order of Council proposals for doing the advertising of the city were received and bids were put in. The advertiser of the Intelligencer thought to play smart by withholding his bid, never dreaming that a contract would be awarded unless he, the great Podnap, was consulted. In and pursuant to this plan an effort was made in the committee whose duty it was to open the proposals, to reject all bids, "because the Intelligencer had no proposal in." This little trick, so characteristic of the management of that establishment, was seen through, and it was said to the honor of the gentlemen composing the committee, unanimously rejected, and the contract awarded in accordance with the order of Council.

The above article is intended to convey the idea that the "management" of the Intelligencer attempted to tamper with the committee that had in charge the opening and awarding of bids for doing the city advertising. The article admits of no other construction. We denounce it as utterly false. There is not a word of truth in it so far as it refers to the paper. We put in no bid for the city advertising, nor had we at any time before or after bids were put in by other parties, nor at any other time, a single word with any member of the committee on the subject. The truth or falsehood of what we say can easily be shown by the committee, and we call upon the Wheeling Register to make good its accusation against us or stand convicted of a willful falsehood.

The city advertising is a small matter, but the Register has by characteristic misrepresentation sought to make a good deal out of it. In order to put its conduct in the matter in the proper light before the community, we herewith reproduce its remarks two years ago, at the time bids were solicited for publishing the city's annual statement. We quote from its issue of January 12th, 1876:

"In another column our readers may find accurately printed the 40th annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the city. At its meeting last night before the Council saw its listing in the report published in but one paper, and that one to be the paper which would publish it at the cheapest. Not desiring to injure our business, nor that of our neighbors, by needless competition, and yet recognizing the statement as containing a certain quantity of information that our readers desire to see and know, we publish it without cost to the city, thus contributing our mite toward diminishing the debt of the city which by the way seems to be getting the upper hand of Council. If our contemporaries can do more for the city in making their bids they may do it in welcome."

This was the language of the Register two years ago. Now contrast it with the game pursued this year. It put in a bid below the Standard, its only competitor, and secured perhaps a hundred dollars worth of advertising. This it had a right to do, and we certainly would never have offered any objection to it, as we did not in the case of the Standard, but for the insertion in its columns of the following notice in regard to the matter:

"To City Advertisers.—The Register has been selected by the City Council to do the public advertising for the coming year. Advertisements will appear chiefly in no other paper."

This notice was put in to deceive the public by creating a false impression in regard to the city advertising. The idea was to influence patronage by suggesting and cultivating an impression that that paper had been "elected" on its merits as a valuable medium for dispensing official information to the people, whereas, as we have already explained, the Register was "selected" to do the city advertising on the same principle that Jimmy Halsey was selected to clean the streets of the city, viz: because he was willing to clean them for less money than any body else. In this reference to the streets we mean no disrespect to Jimmy, for his work is clean as snow as compared with the dirty work sought to be done by the Wheeling Register towards its neighbors.

HON. R. H. CAIN, colored, a member of Congress from South Carolina, made an eloquent speech in Baltimore on Wednesday night. Among the good things in his speech was the following remark: "He considered the President's Southern policy especially providential to the colored people of the South. Such a policy would have been a failure during Grant's administration, but God guided the right man at the right time to the front." This colored man sees the true situation of affairs in the South with a much more Statesman-like eye than the white Republicans in Congress who are endeavoring to foment opposition to the President's policy.

The Washington & Wayneburg Narrow Gauge has arranged what looks like a rather poor running schedule. Notwithstanding the train from Wheeling arrives at Washington at 9:30 in the morning the first train leaves for Wayneburg at 6:30, thus compelling commercial travelers to wait over until 1:30, P. M., and waste an entire day going from here to Wayneburg.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

SEVERAL new cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria are reported.

A LIVE DEER.—Mr. Henry C. Shallcross, received a live deer from the mountains, yesterday afternoon, via the B. & O. R. R.

The Knights of Honor have secured the use of the Opera House for an entertainment, which they propose to give at an early day in January.

Last night at 12 o'clock not a solitary candle had been arched before the bar of justice—that is, not to be too sentimental, we mean that the city cooler was empty.

MADAME KENTZ's daisy daisies appear in all their blinding beauty at Wellsville, Ohio, to-morrow evening. God there has been talk of an excursion from this city. This is no laughing matter.

This long-tailed summer affords the young men an excellent opportunity of pleasing their eyes at the city cooler, and we think they will soon have to adjourn to court in course in the back parlor.

OTTS' HALL TEMPERANCE MEETING.

At Ott's Hall last evening, a temperance meeting was held which was opened by President Hiram Young. After a prayer was offered by Mr. Henry Holliday, there was some singing, and several persons spoke in behalf of the temperance cause. The attendance was not so large as usual. This Union intends holding a temperance meeting on Christmas afternoon. The hour of the meeting on Sunday afternoon has been changed from 3 to 3 o'clock.

YESTERDAY, while ye local was standing on the corner with another gentleman, a little boy who playing in the street accidentally set down in a mud puddle. His mother ran out and gathered him under her wing and started for home, whereupon a friend of ye local wanted to know why he was like the train just passing. Of course the reporter didn't know. Why, said he (and we suppose he thought it smart) he is carrying the western male. Bowie knives and muskets.

PROPERTY CONDEMNED.—The jury selected to condemn certain property for the use of the P. W. & K. R. made their return last evening. The Cots or old boat house property, at the north end of the wharf, was disposed at two thousand dollars, and other small portions of the lots lying between the Cots property and the Suspension Bridge were assessed at figures ranging from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars. The R. R. will proceed at once to prepare for the erection of their passenger depot.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—A number of workmen engaged in digging dirt on the bank just below the suspension bridge, making the road bed for the P. W. & K. R. R. had a narrow escape from being buried alive yesterday. While they were at work a large quantity of earth slid down, covering several of them up to the waist. No damage was done, however, except to a horse that was considerably scratched up.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR ENTERTAINMENT.—Alpha Lodge of the Knights of Honor have engaged the Opera House for a musical and literary entertainment on the evening of Jan. 8. After the entertainment the members of the Lodge and their friends will participate in a banquet at Neuhausen's Assembly Hall. A Grand Lodge of the Order is to be instituted on the 9th.

SOMETHING NEW.—J. W. Ward the well known pattern maker has invented a very simple contrivance for drawing the staves of barrels, kegs and hogsheads together in order to put them in the press, which he claims will greatly facilitate this process and do away with the present slow & cumbersome method of doing the work.

The portrait of Bishop Kain, at the orphan's festival, 1113 Main street, was awarded to Mr. E. L. Burns. Miss Lizzie Renner was the recipient of a cloak, and Mr. Robert O'Kain carried off a silver watch and chain.

The tobacco warehouse that is being built by Mr. Augustus Pollock, on Water street, is beginning to assume shape. The brick work, which is being done by James Andrews, is a model job, and speaks for itself.

The Council Committee on Streets and Alleys were called to meet at the City Building at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the purpose of inspecting the recent improvements made at the head of 14th street.

The street crossings in Bridgeport have been greatly improved.

River News.

The river still remains at about seven feet.

The local packets arrived and departed at their regular hours.

The O'Connell packets for Pittsburgh at 7 A. M., and the Courier for Parkersburg at 11 A. M. yesterday.

The Fannie Tatum, from Pittsburgh, arrived at 8 o'clock last night.

The Enterprise, passing up at 3 P. M., will have an empty tow.

Business on the landing yesterday was dull.

[By Telegraph.]

PITTSBURGH, December 20.—River 4 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather cloudy and mild.

VINCENNES, December 20.—River fell 7 inches. Weather cloudy. Up—Golden Rule and Capital City.

St. LOUIS, December 20.—River risen 4 inches. Weather clear and very warm.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER

WHEELING & LAKE ERIE R. R.

A High Old Time at Norwalk.

Judge Cochran's Success as a Presiding Officer.

Probable Defeat of the Robinson Ring.

Adjournment Until Nine O'Clock This Morning.

Special to the Intelligencer.

NORWALK, O., December 19.—

This has been a notable day in the history of the

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company.

At an early hour to-day large numbers

of strangers were noticed upon our

streets, and the street corners hummed

with speculation on the result of the annual

meeting held to-day. Whitley Hall

was filled. On the assembling of the

meeting, Judge R. H. Cochran, of

Wheeling, was made Chairman. Among

the prominent men from abroad were

Messrs. Sutherland, Paul and Baxter, of

Hopkiss; Chapman, of Navarre; Hen-

dry, of Sandusky; Pennewell and Russell,

of Cleveland; Wickham and Beverstock,

of Huron; Lockwood, of Milan; Wood, of

Martin's Ferry, and Aiken, of Jewell.

Resolutions were offered to increase the

number of Directors to fifteen, which re-

sulted by a stock vote of 2,631 ayes and

1,531 nays, but the meeting rejected 1,000

shares, called the Bell stock, voting aye,

and the resolutions were lost.

After recess another parliamentary

struggle took place over the motion to

proceed to the election of Directors, but

a substitute to appoint a committee of

two to represent the Robinson, or Board,

party, and two for the Contractor Wilson

party, the four to choose a fifth man, and

the committee so constituted to name the

five Directors chosen. Committees were

appointed to investigate from the begin-

ning all the transactions of the company's

officers, and a resolution was passed to

prohibit officers of the company from

having an interest in any contract let by

the Board. The committee to present

the names for the Directors reported as

follows: Joseph Bell, of Wheeling; John

Wood, of Martin's Ferry; J. W. Wick-

ham, jun., of Huron, and T. S. Wooster,

of Norwalk, for three years, and M. A.

Mock, of Norwalk, for one year. Pending

the election the meeting adjourned

until morning.

LATER.

NORWALK, December 20.—

The meeting of the stockholders of the Wheeling &

Lake Erie Railroad Company, which as-

sembled yesterday afternoon at one

o'clock, is still in session in City Hall,

and at this time (4 P. M.) has not yet

elected any Directors. At the hour of

organization, the Robinson party at-

tempted to capture the organization by

moving, through its champion, A. B.

Paul, to elect Mr. Lanning, of New Lon-

don, Chairman, but the reformers de-

clared first blood by electing Judge R. H. Coch-

ran, of your city, without apparent op-

position.

After the reading of the minutes of last

year, the Chair appointed five judges and

tellers of election. It was then proposed

to hear the annual report of the Board

before proceeding to the election of Directors.

The Hall was almost crowded to suffocation

by an anxious lot of stock-

holders, who for weeks have been reading

reports and hearing rumors of misman-

agement on the part of the President and

Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the reading of a

very lengthy paper, supposed to be the

annual report, it turned out that the pa-

per was signed by A. K. Robinson only,

and the Chair held that it not appearing

authorized by the Board, and not even

sanctioned by Robinson as President, it was

no more than an individual communication.

On motion, of Judge Stickney to amend,

it was returned to Mr. Robinson.

Pending a motion to receive the paper,

H. B. Wilson characterized it as ab-

solutely false in many of its features.

The first motion in which a vote by

stock was demanded resulted in a long

discussion on a challenge of \$50,000 of

stock offered to be voted by Mr. Ras-

sell, of Cleveland, as attorney for Mr.

Willson, and the proxy of Clark Bell, of

New York. The vote was excluded. This

resulted in defeating the resolution to

increase the Board to fifteen. First blood

was thus shed. All sorts of

motions to delay the election were made

by the Robinson party, which finally re-

sulted in appointing a committee of com-

munity to arrange a compromise ticket.

While this committee was out Judge

Cochran called Judge Stickney to the

long since broken up in chaos and confusion. He is nearly worn out, but thus far he has managed to keep himself and the convention in good temper.

If any result is reached to-night I will try to inform you.

STILL LATER.

NORWALK, December 20.—At the meeting of the stockholders this morning the Robinson party, after a motion had prevailed to proceed to the election of the directors, moved to appoint a

different set of tellers, naming them, instead of those appointed by the Chair yesterday.

Judge Cochran, in the Chair, held the motion not in order, and from this ruling an appeal was taken. An attempt to de-

bate the appeal was also held not in order. On the question shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained, a vote was taken

by the shares of stock. Pending the vote challenges to the votes were made, and the question of the right of stock to vote

was left by the Chair to the Judges of Election, who retired and sent for persons and papers.

At 8 o'clock this evening the judges returned into the meeting and announced their decision of the challenge against the Robinson party. The vote then pro-

ceeded and the chair was sustained by a vote of about 2,600 shares against 1,500.

The voting for directors then proceeded, pending which, at the request of the

tellers, who were nearly worn out, the meeting by unanimous consent took a

recess until to-morrow at 9 A. M.

The result will in all probability be the election of the reform ticket and a

condemnation of the management for the last year. The interest is unabated, and there is no telling what question will be

springing before the end. MACK.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION,

Followed by a Disastrous Fire.

A Large Number of Persons Killed and Wounded.

The Victims of the Fire as Yet Unknown.

New York, December 20.—

The boiler of the Greenfield, No. 63 Barclay street, exploded about 5 o'clock this afternoon

while a large number of female employes were still at work. The building was al-

most instantly wrapped in flames, and it

is said that from 100 to 150 girls were

burned to death.

The explosion was immediately follow-

ed by fire, which occurred at five